

**HB 2908 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Creates Veteran Volunteer Coordinator position within the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA). Specifies responsibilities and requires ODVA to report to Legislature no later than September 15, 2020. Appropriates General Fund dollars. Declares an emergency; effective on passage.

*FISCAL: Fiscal impact statement issued*

*REVENUE: No revenue impact*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Outreach is one of the core functions of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA). Oregon veterans are a diverse population spanning four generations and five major wars. About fifty percent of Oregon's 300,000 veterans are age 65 or older and only about thirty percent presently access their available benefits.

House Bill 2908 creates the position of Veteran Volunteer Coordinator at ODVA.